

REMARKS

Claims 1–3, 11–13, and 19–23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hornung (U.S. 3,791,673). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Enclosed is a color-coded set of independent claims along with a correspondingly color-coded Fig. 1 from the Hornung patent. Additional notes are included on the figure. The claims are not intended to be amended claims for the purpose of this amendment.

The adjective, *inner*, is defined by Miriam Webster as:

1 a : situated farther in <the *inner* bark> **b** : being near a center especially of influence <the *inner* circles of political power>

With respect to claims 1 and 11, it is evident from the attached Fig. 1 of the Hornung patent that the outer end of the end sections **54, 56** identified in the office action as “inner wing sections” are not operatively attached to the *inner* ends of the rear conduit members **98, 104** identified in the office action as “outer wing sections.” In fact, the *outer* ends of the conduit members **98, 104** are operatively attached to the outer ends of the end sections **54, 56**. Therefore, Hornung did not disclose each aspect of claims 1 and 11. It is therefore believed claims 1 and 11 are allowable.

Regarding claim 19, in no position disclosed by Hornung do all the sections **98, 104, 54, 56** lie substantially linearly from each end of the center section to an outer end of the wing sections **98, 104, 54, 56**. It is therefore believed claim 19 is allowable.

Because dependent claims 2–10 and 23 depend on claim 1, claims 12–18 depend on claim 11, and claims 20–22 depend on claim 19, it is expected these claims are now also allowable.

Accordingly, because all remaining claims 1–23 are believed to be clearly allowable, a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. (Previously Presented) A method of providing a forwardly folding toolbar for a farm implement, said toolbar being operably connected to a **tongue**, the method comprising:

- (a) operably attaching a **center section** to the **tongue** of the toolbar at a substantially right angle;
- (b) operably pivotally attaching an inner end of an inner wing section to each end of the **center section**;
- (c) operably pivotally attaching an inner end of an **outer wing section** to an outer end of each inner wing section; and
- (d) rotating both wing sections at **pivot points** located on the **center section** to bring outer ends of the wing sections forward until the wing sections lie substantially parallel to the **tongue**.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 additionally comprising supporting the center section with ground engaging wheels.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 additionally comprising supporting pivot points between each of the wing sections with ground engaging wheels.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 additionally comprising supporting ends of the outer sections with ground engaging wheels at each extreme end of the outer wing sections.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein actuators are provided for raising the pivot points relative to the ground engaging wheels, upon folding, the method additionally comprising raising the pivot points between each of the wing sections relative to the ground engaging wheels with the actuators therebetween before the step of rotating both wing sections.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein actuators are provided for raising the pivot points relative to the ground engaging wheels, upon folding, the method additionally comprising raising the extreme end of each of the wing sections relative to the ground engaging wheels with the actuators therebetween before the step of rotating both wing sections.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5 additionally comprising the step of lowering the pivot points between each of the wing sections relative to the ground engaging wheels with the actuators therebetween when the wing sections lie substantially parallel to the tongue.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6 additionally comprising the step of lowering the extreme end of each of the wing sections relative to the ground engaging wheels with the actuators therebetween when the wing sections lie substantially parallel to the tongue.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7 additionally comprising engaging a latch to the tongue of the toolbar upon lowering the pivot points between each of the wing sections.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8 additionally comprising engaging a latch to the tongue of the toolbar upon lowering the extreme end of the wing section.

11. (Previously Presented) An implement toolbar that is forwardly folding comprising:

- (a) a tongue having a forward end and a rearward end;
- (b) a center section operably attached to the tongue at a substantially right angle;
- (c) inner wing sections, operably pivotally attached at inner ends of the inner wing sections to each end of the center section;
- (d) outer wing sections, operably pivotally attached at inner ends of the outer wing sections to an outer end of each inner wing section; and

- (e) folding means for rotating both wing sections at ~~pivot points~~ located on the ~~center section~~ to bring outer ends of the wing sections toward the forward end of the ~~tongue~~ until the wing sections lie substantially parallel to the ~~tongue~~.

12. (Original) The implement toolbar of claim 11 additionally comprising ground engaging wheels for supporting the center section.

13. (Original) The implement toolbar of claim 11 additionally comprising ground engaging wheels for supporting pivot points between each of the wing sections.

14. (Original) The implement toolbar of claim 11 additionally comprising ground engaging wheels for supporting ends of the outer sections, said ground engaging wheels being located substantially at each extreme end of the outer wing sections.

15. (Original) The implement toolbar of claim 13 additionally comprising actuators for raising the pivot points relative to the ground engaging wheels during folding.

16. (Original) The implement toolbar of claim 14 additionally comprising actuators for raising the pivot points relative to the ground engaging wheels during folding.

17. (Original) The implement toolbar of claim 15 additionally comprising latch for operably affixing a pivot point between the inner wing section and the outer wing section to the tongue of the toolbar by lowering the pivot point between each of the wing sections after the wing sections lie substantially parallel to the tongue.

18. (Original) The implement toolbar of claim 16 additionally comprising latch for operably affixing an extreme end of the outer wing section to the tongue of the toolbar by lowering the extreme end of the outer wing section after the wing sections lie substantially parallel to the tongue.

19. (Previously Presented) An implement toolbar that is horizontally folding comprising:

- (a) a **tongue**;
- (b) more than three sections comprising a **center section** having two ends and at least three wing sections, each operably pivotally attached end to end, all the sections lying substantially linearly from each end of the **center section** to an outer end of the wing sections; and
- (c) folding means for rotating the at least three wing sections at **pivot points** located on the **center section** to bring outer ends of the at least three wing sections forward until the at least three wing sections lie substantially parallel to the **tongue** and substantially linearly from each **pivot point** located on the **center section** to a forward end of the wing sections.

20. (Original) The implement toolbar of claim 19 wherein the toolbar is forwardly folding.

21. (Previously presented) The implement of claim 19 including a forward end of the tongue, adapted to be attached to a rear end of a prime mover.

22. (Previously presented) The implement of claim 19 including a hitch disposed on a forward end of the tongue, said hitch being adapted to be attached to a rear end of a prime mover.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 including attaching a forward end of the tongue to a tractor for towing the implement forwardly.